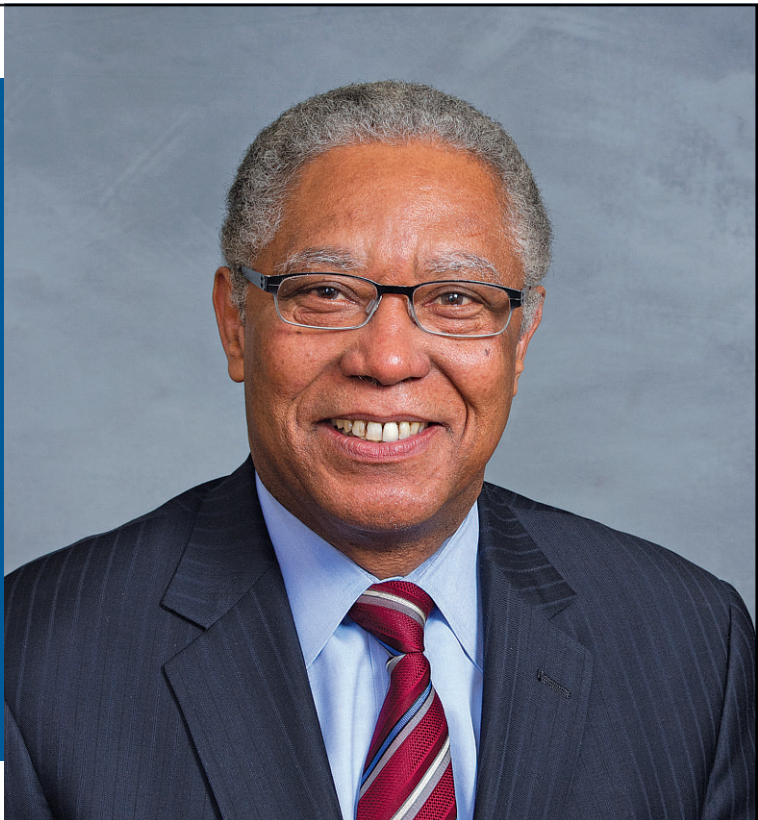


# Senator Blue, Don't Help Duke Energy Rip Us Off (Again).



Duke Energy's "Ratepayer Rip-Off" bill would allow electric monopolies to raise our rates every year, with virtually no public scrutiny for up to five years at a time. Duke and its legislative supporters wrote this deceptive bill (Senate Bill 559) behind closed doors. Now they are rushing to pass it before other lawmakers know what's in it. This bill could saddle North Carolina businesses and families with up to \$23 billion for Duke's twice-rejected grid "improvement" scheme and mishandled coal ash crisis.

Why is Senator Dan Blue sponsoring a bill that would harm his constituents and all of us, despite solid opposition from consumer, environmental justice, business and renewable energy groups? Is it because he receives more dirty Duke money than any other Democratic member of the legislature?

## What opponents are saying against this bill:

“ The proposed changes to the ratemaking process make it easier for utilities to make unfair profits ... VOTE NO on secretive utility rate increases! ”

**AARP NC Chapter**

“ ...could lead to unchecked electricity rate increases. ”

**Walmart**

“ In other states that give utilities multi-year rate hikes, those utilities have inflated their cost projections and padded their profits at the expense of ratepayers. ”

**NC League of Conservation Voters**

“ ...the multi-year rate plans shift risks away from shareholders and [onto] ratepayers. ”

**NC Sustainable Energy Association**

“ Letting the utility write the law is worse than letting the fox guard the hen house — it's letting the fox design it too. ”

**Fayetteville Observer**

“ These are changes of great magnitude [that would] greatly minimize public voices ... now is not the time to loosen the regulatory reins. ”

**Carolinas Utility Customers Association**



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**Tell Senator Blue to DUMP this ratepayer ripoff (SB559) and stop taking Duke Energy's dirty money!**

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